

divided into two Churches, the one of Avignon, the other of Rome. Bohemia remained faithful to the Eoman Pontiff, who used all the spiritual and diplomatic influence he possessed at Prague to induce Wenceslaus to break off his dealings with the schismatic King of France, and ally himself with the faithful English. These arguments were backed by the promise of 15,000*l.* ready money from the government of Westminster. The German Princes were always poor, especially those of the Imperial House. Wenceslaus took the advice of the Pope and the money of the English, and sent over his sister Anne to become Eichard's Queen. The lady travelled in great state through Germany, and spent a month with her relations the Duke and Duchess of Brabant in their town of Brussels. Such was the condition of the English navy that no safe escort across the Channel could be provided for her, as long as a fleet of twenty Norman vessels commissioned to seize her and carry her off to France hung off the Flemish coast. A safe-conduct was finally procured for her from the French King by the good offices of her uncle. Then, and not till then, was it safe to go further. She passed down to the sea through Ghent, where the new rebel captain, Philip van Artevelde, showed her every honour, and through Bruges, where his liege lord, the Earl of Flanders, displayed equal courtesy. As she travelled through this country she must have seen in desolated fields, ruined chateaux, and deserted villages the traces of the duel lately begun between her hosts of Ghent and her hosts of Bruges; which in three terrible and famous years of war did to the rich and fertile Flanders of the fourteenth century what the Thirty Years' War did to Germany. At Calais she was received by the Earls of Salisbury and Devon. She landed safely at Dover on December 18. On January **14**, 1382 she was married to the King in the Chapel of Westminster Palace. Of the many purposes for which this match had been designed not one was fulfilled. No heir was born to settle the succession to the English Crown ; the active participation of Bohemia in the war never took place ; still less was Wenceslaus either able or willing to direct against France the whole power of the German Empire. The English diplomatists got